

gaining the confidence of the people
(I commenced teaching without
having any thing, told them to bring
the books they used in the public
school but when they came found
them to be Catholic prayer books. so
I gave them tracts and the ^{only} two
that could read I gave them each
a Testament so that already we have
reading in the scriptures twice in
a day, and also sing gospel hymns
I have now a slate and book apiece
for them. ~~We~~ do not feel able to buy
books at present but if our school
proves a success in the fall will
have to make an effort to get some
also school furniture, we have as yet
nothing.

Hoping to hear from you often
and will thankfully receive any
advice you would give, and wishing
to be remembered always at a
throne of grace, I am very sincerely
yours
Sue Perea Corrales
New Mexico

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Mrs. Am E. Peres -
Corrales N. Mex
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Dear Mrs Haines

Your kind letter of
June 23rd was received a few days
ago and we appreciate very much
the interest the ladies are taking
in our work

(Corrales may indeed be
called one of the dark places of
the earth, and my husband very
well the people here were more
fanatic in their religion than in
many other places, but as it is only
seven miles from his home (Bernabille)
he is very well known to them
and as they have always professed

great friendship for him, his hope in choosing this place was that he might for that reason be able to do more good here than in other places, and they are very kind to us and seem much pleased to have us live among them but when it comes to religion they don't seem to care to do much but we try not to be discouraged yet as we have only been here two months and a half and the work can scarcely yet be called a beginning and it requires patience and great prudence with these people.

Mr Perea^{the} has made several efforts to have them come here to the house Sabbaths for service and they always promise to come but when Sabbath comes they spend the day in some amusement and we wait for them in vain.

Therefore he thinks the only way is to visit them separately reading and talking with each family, and yesterday he walked about two miles and succeeded in gathering a congregation of about thirty persons. They always seem willing to hear him when he goes after them.

Opened my school 26th of May with eight pupils and have had the same until this week only one more came in, a good many promise to send their children after a while but at present have work for them to do, so I have been thinking of teaching one month more and if I do not have any more to close, ~~until the first of October~~ and see if then perhaps I can get more scholars. and I do wish to succeed with my school as that seems to be the best way of